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GENERAL MANUAL (GM)
180-CPA
Amendments ME-26, Part 409

SUBJECT: CPA – Conservation Planning and Application (Part 409) – Subpart A – Conservation Planning Policy.

Purpose: To cancel ME-3, ME-17 (with the exception of 409.11), ME-18, ME-19, ME-22, ME-23 and ME-24 amendments.

Effective Date: December 16, 2013.

This cancellation reflects the revision to align with the National Conservation Planning Policy, issued May 2013. This policy provides increased flexibility and accountability with the Maine NRCS Certified Conservation Planner process.

The following amendments are cancelled:

Amendment Number	Issue Date	Part/Subpart/Section	Subject
ME-3	July 2002	Part 409, Attachment A	Attachment A -- Certification of Conservation Plan
		Part 409, Attachment E	Attachment E -- Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan - Certification
		Part 409, Attachment G	Attachment G -- Certification of Conservation Plan
		Part 409, Exhibit 1a	Exhibit 1a - NRCS Process for Certification field/Farm Level Conservation Planners
		Part 409, Exhibit 1b	Exhibit 1b -- NRCS Process for Certification: Group/Area Wide Level Planners
		Part 409, Exhibit 4	Exhibit 4 -- NRCS Process for Certification of Specialists Preparing CNMP's
ME-17	March 5, 2007	Part 409, Section 409.0	General
		Part 409, Section 409.3	Requirements for Providing Conservation Planning Assistance
		Part 409, Section 409.9	Criteria to Achieve an NRCS-Certified Conservation Planner Designation
		Part 409, Section 409.10	Minimum Standards for Providers of Conservation Technical Assistance Associated with Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans
ME-18	March 20, 2007	Part 409, Attachment H	Attachment H -- Required Certifications
ME-19	September 18, 2007	Part 409, Section 409.0	General
ME-22	April 15, 2008	Part 409, Exhibit 3A	Exhibit 3A - Individual Certification Rating System Planning Certification
ME-23	February 2, 2009	Part 409, Exhibit B	Exhibit B - Individual Certification Rating System Planning Certification
ME-24	April 5, 2010	Part 409, Section 409.9	Conservation Planning Policy - Minimum Criteria to Achieve an NRCS Certified Conservation Planner Designation



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